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DEFENSE FOR DDR&E PERRY; ASD/ISA MCGIFFERT

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SUBJECT: UK EXPENDITURES ON AWACS/RAPIER INTERFERENCE

1. MOD OFFICIALS ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS HAVE MADE POINT TO POL-MIL ATTACHE THAT WHILE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SOLVING PROBLEMS OF (A) AWACS-RAPIER INTERFACE AND (B) INTERFERENCE BETWEEN RESPECTIVE RADARS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, THE STICKY ISSUE OF WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT IS TO PAY COST OF MODIFICATIONS TO RAPIER REMAINS UNSETTLED. (AWACS POWER LEVELS ARE SO SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN RAPIER THAT WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS TO BOTH SYSTEMS RAPIER'S OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DEGRADED, ACCORDING TO BRITISH.)

2. LINE TAKEN HERE IS THAT BRITISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL NATO PRACTICES GOT AGREEMENT IN MID-1960S WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES FOR THE RAPIER FREQUENCY BANDS. MOREOVER, BRITISH SAY THEY MADE KNOWN TO DOD THROUGH BOTH BILATERAL AS WELL AS NATO CHANNELS RAPIER'S FULL OPERATIONAL/TECHNICAL DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE

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CHARACTERISTICS. MORE DETAILS THAN NORMALLY THE CASE WERE PROVIDED EARLY IN THE GAME BECAUSE HMG WAS PRESSING SALE OF RAPIER (LATER IN COMPETITION WITH ROLAND AND CROTALE) TO USG. HENCE, IN BRITISH VIEW, RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONFLICT BETWEEN RAPIER FREQUENCIES AND AWACS FREQUENCIES RESTS WITH US ON BASIS OF EARLIER UK USE. THUS, JUDGMENT IN WHITEHALL IS THAT DOD SHOULD PAY TAB

FOR MODIFICATION OF RAPIER--AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL COSTS
ARISING FROM NEED TO REDUCE INTERFERENCE TO AN
ACCEPTABLE LEVEL.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE/NOT ABLE TO JUDGE VALIDITY
OF UK LINE, WE KNOW FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH VERY SENIOR
OFFICIALS THAT MOD IS UNHAPPY WITH PROSPECT OF HAVING
"TO FIND ABOUT 7 MILLION POUNDS PLUS" OUT OF MOD
RESOURCES ALREADY OVER-STRAINED BY DEFENSE EXPENDITURE
CUTS AND FOR WHICH NO PROVISION IN THEIR BUDGET HAD
BEEN MADE. WE KNOW MULLEY AND GILBERT FEEL STRONGLY
THAT UK SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BEAR THESE COSTS. CORNFORD
WILL BE WRITING TO DDR&E PERRY TO PUT MOD'S CASE IN
DETAIL. OUR GUESS IS UK INTENDS TO TAKE A FIRM POSITION
ON MATTER AND WILL PRESS HARD FOR DOD ACCEPTANCE OF
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. ON ANOTHER ASPECT OF ISSUE,
ANDERSON, DUS/PE, RECENTLY TOLD POL-MIL ATTACHE THAT
HIS TALKS WITH GENERAL FISH ON IMPLICATIONS FOR RAPIERS
SOLD TO COUNTRIES WHERE AWACS LIKELY TO BE OPERATING
WERE FULL AND MOST HELPFUL.

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